

NOT A FORMAL NOTE

Salisbury's Answer Received
But Not Made Public

HE IS STILL VERY STUBBORN

It is Believed, However, That He Insists
on His Refusal to Renew the
Modus Vivendi.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Lord Salisbury has declined to renew the modus vivendi. It now remains for this government to protect the seals, and Great Britain may rest assured that that is just what this government will do. The reply, which was received by Sir Julian Pauncefote Sunday and, despite the sacredness of the day, transmitted at once by him to Acting Secretary Wharton, has not yet been made public. It is now in the possession of the president and there it will remain until after the cabinet meeting Tuesday, when it may be sent to the senate. The state department is exercising the greatest care to prevent its contents becoming public. From one of the very few who have seen it, however, the tenor of the reply was learned.

Not a Formal Reply.

"It is not a formal reply to Wharton's last note," this gentleman said. "It is more in the nature of a bulletin in response to President Harrison's intimation to Salisbury last week to the effect that time was getting precious and that if Great Britain had any intention of replying now was the time to begin. Thereupon Salisbury, contrary to his usual custom, got right down off his perch and set to work. He has come to understand that Uncle Sam means business. He also understands that his country is in no mood to go to war with the United States, and as war would result did he stick to the programme he followed two years ago, it behooves him to climb off his high horse. This he is trying to do gracefully. In other words, he knows that he must swallow the words he uttered in his note refusing to renew the modus vivendi. But he wants to do so in a manner that will seem the least like a direct backdown. This takes time. Yet to satisfy in a measure the president's request for expedition, he has sent a bulletin or a skeleton of his formal reply. The interpretation put on it is that while Great Britain will refuse to consent to a renewal of the modus vivendi pending arbitration, that government will not resist our protecting the seals. It may be that, in an indirect way, she will render us some assistance."

Must Make the Best of It.

"And if she should not?"
"We will protect the seals without her. They are our property, and President Harrison is determined that poaching shall cease. Should friction result from our seizing poachers carrying the British flag Salisbury will have to make the best of it."

Talking the Matter Over.

President Harrison during the morning discussed Lord Salisbury's reply with Attorney General Miller and Gen. Foster. Later Gen. Foster called at the navy department and had a conference with Secretary Tracy. No unusual activity pervades the latter's department, all the necessary orders for the fitting-out of ships having been issued last week.

OSSIFIED MAN DEAD.

The Grip Carried Him Off, After Sixteen Years of Suffering.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A dispatch from Port Jefferson, L. I., says that Edward Emmons, known as "the ossified man," is dead.

Emmons died of an attack of the grip. He was taken sick a week ago. He was born in Port Jefferson thirty-eight years ago. One winter he was afflicted with rheumatism in the legs and arms. He was then 22 years old, and he suffered intensely and never left the house again, but lay there for sixteen years. His bones gradually ossified and his body became rigid, except one arm, of which he retained the use. His jaws were set, and he was fed through a whole in the mouth where a tooth had been broken out. He could talk and read, but was a little deaf. He often wished for death to end his sufferings. His father was afflicted in identically the same way, but died before the joints were entirely set. Emmons leaves a mother, four sisters and one brother. All of the family with the exception of the mother are subject to rheumatism.

Two Deaths from One Man's Suicide.

VIENNA, March 21.—A singular casualty attended the suicide of an artilleryman in the barracks here Saturday. The man shot himself with a rifle. The fatal bullet, after passing through the suicide's breast, plowed through the head of a second soldier standing near, killing him, and then imbedded itself in the arm of a third soldier, inflicting a serious injury.

Fatally Wounded Two Men.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 21.—C. B. Wilcox, a contractor of this city, shot and fatally wounded John Combs, ex-county surveyor, and James Dougherty, the latter's assistant, at the National saloon. The men quarreled over matters in connection with the city election to be held April 11. All were more or less under the influence of liquor.

Large Hotel Destroyed.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 21.—The Argyle hotel at St. Andrews was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. It was one of the largest hotels in the province and was largely patronized by summer tourists. St. Andrews being a favorite watering place.

To Have Canada Represented.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 21.—Dalton McCarthy, one of the leading supporters of the government, gives notice of a resolution in the house of commons proposing that a Canadian representative be attached to the British legation at Washington.

Has Burned Four Times.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The Burton block at Van Buren and Clinton streets, which stands on the site of an old Indian graveyard, was again, for the fourth time in as many years, visited by a disastrous fire Saturday evening. The fire broke out about 8:30 p. m., and before it was stopped had done nearly \$100,000 damage. Police Officer John Mitchell and Fireman Martin

McAvoy were caught by falling walls. Mitchell's leg was broken and he was badly burned, while the other sustained severe bruises and burns.

MONEY FOR RIVERS.

The Bill to Be Reported Appropriates \$31,000,000—Of This Amount the Mississippi Gets \$1,000,000 a Year to Be Used Between Its Mouth and St. Paul and the Secretary of War Authorized to Make Contracts for \$12,000,000 Worth of Work.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The river and harbor bill will be reported to the house soon. It will carry \$30,000,000 or \$31,000,000. Several new projects are incorporated in the bill, the principal ones being the Hudson river improvement, the improvement of the Mobile harbor and the Savannah river, and the deep water channel on the great lakes.

The committee has adopted for the Mississippi river a proposition submitted by Chairman Blanchard, and the bill contains an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Mississippi river from its mouth to St. Paul. It authorizes the secretary of war to make contracts for \$12,000,000 more of work on the river from its mouth to St. Paul, to be expended in sums of \$4,000,000 a year, and to be paid for as appropriations are made from time to time by congress. This added to the \$4,000,000 which the bill itself appropriates, makes \$16,000,000 for the whole river, to be expended in four years, at the rate of \$4,000,000 a year.

CONFESSION HER CRIME.

Minnie Johnson Admits She Set Fire to the Indiana Reformatory.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 21.—A few weeks ago the Indiana state reformatory worth \$300,000 burned to the ground. The origin of the fire was somewhat of a mystery. Sunday Minnie Johnson confessed that she had set the building on fire. She was a bad, incorrigible girl, 17 years old, sent to the prison from Richmond. She says that she was ironing at the time in the laundry and she set fire to some rags that were wrapped around the iron holder and then put the blazing mass on the wooden shelving, which soon caught fire and communicated with other inflammable material.

DAMAGES FOR A PRAIRIE FIRE.

Fond du Lac Farmers Must Pay for Hay and Grass Destroyed.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., March 21.—A large portion of Horicon marsh, a few miles south of this city, was burned over last September and a large quantity of cut hay and second growth grass destroyed. The loss footed up many thousands of dollars. The responsibility for the fire was placed upon farmers who burned the grass about their stacks for their own protection and let the fire get beyond their control. George W. Brown brought suit against Clinton Brooks, C. Odekirk and B. Fairbanks for setting these fires and to recover the value of his hay. It was made a test case and has been stubbornly fought in the Fond du Lac circuit court this week. Saturday the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff with \$200 damages. Other suits will now be brought to cover the balance of the loss.

A VILLAGE SWEEP BY FLAMES.

Homer, Ill., Suffers Heavily for Several Hours—Loss, \$75,000.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 21.—The village of Homer Saturday experienced the most disastrous conflagration known in its history. From 9 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. the flames raged with unabated fury, and there was no apparatus at hand with which to fight the fire. A strong wind fanned the flames and within thirty minutes the fire was beyond the control of the volunteer bucket brigade. It made a clean sweep from the city square north on Main street and west on First street. The fire department of Danville was telegraphed for, but was unable to reach the scene before the fire had burned itself out. The business portion of the town is in ashes, as well as a large number of dwelling houses, involving a loss of more than \$75,000.

PARDONED.

Gov. Boies Gives a Life Prisoner His Freedom.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 21.—Gov. Boies has pardoned John S. Little, who is serving a life sentence at Fort Madison for murder. In September, 1874, at Newton Little killed a man who had been unduly intimate with his wife. For the crime he was tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for life and has been in dress since October, 1875. He was a soldier in the Second Iowa, and his comrades secured the passage of an act by the legislature authorizing the governor to pardon him. He is a white-haired man now, having spent nearly seventeen years in the penitentiary.

Released a Murderer.

HAMLIN, W. Va., March 21.—A mob of masked men surrounded the jail, forced an entrance by covering Jailer Johnson with revolvers and released Frank Dawson, who was held at the request of the sheriff of Boone county for murdering James Smith. The masked men greeted Dawson with cheers when he appeared and rode off with him, but who they were or where they came from is not known.

Killed by a Falling House.

CHICAGO, March 21.—A large two-story frame house that a gang of workmen were attempting to load on a scow at the foot of Illinois street early Sunday morning toppled from its temporary foundation and fell into the water, striking the scow and killing Nicholas Brobst, the foreman of the gang. Two laborers were also seriously injured and two others were thrown into the river and more or less hurt.

Cut by a Circular Saw.

RACINE, Wis., March 21.—Saturday afternoon while Alfred Martin, a young man, was at work in a mill near Honey Creek, a few miles west of this city, he lost his balance and fell across the table of a circular saw and was horribly mangled. One leg was cut completely off and the other was sawed half way through. At least accounts he was still alive, but the physicians say he cannot recover.

Another Failure.

DENVER, Col., March 21.—Rab Brothers, wholesale liquor dealers, assigned Saturday for \$64,400. The failure was due to the Roehm & Co. failure. The assets of the firm are \$50,000. It is rumored that several other firms will have to go under.

NOT TO QUIT NOW

Caprivi Consents to Retain the
Chancellorship

THE KAISER WON'T LET HIM GO

The Emperor's Poor Health Causes Him
to Reconsider His Action—The
Premiership Dropped.

BERLIN, March 21.—Gen. Caprivi has returned from his visit to Hubertusstock, where he went Sunday in answer to the summons of the emperor. The chancellor is reticent as to the facts of the interview, except that, at the command of his sovereign, he has consented to withdraw his resignation and remain at the head of the cabinet. The chancellor had determined to insist upon his resignation being accepted, but the kaiser made an earnest personal appeal that mollified Caprivi's indignation and brought about what is called a reconciliation.

The Kaiser's Appeal.

This appeal is said to have been based mainly on the condition of the kaiser's health and the fact that he was in no condition to face a strain that a change in the chancellorship would involve. The kaiser is said to have explained that his abruptness at the cabinet meeting which led to the offers of resignation from Caprivi and Count Zedlitz was owing to his state of health and not prompted by any desire to humiliate Gen. Caprivi. So much is derived from semi-official sources regarding the interview.

William in Poor Health.

It is current talk among members, both of the reichstag and the landtag, that nothing short of a fear that the kaiser's health would be dangerously affected would have induced Caprivi to withdraw his resignation, and that the condition of the kaiser is much more serious than had been supposed. It is rumored that if the truth were known the kaiser would be obliged to retire and to give way to Prince Henry as regent, and that the kaiser's only chance for recovery is in absolute freedom from political anxieties. With Chancellor Caprivi in office such freedom is possible, for Caprivi is acquainted with the policy and purposes of the emperor, and would not be likely to make any mistake. With a new chancellor continual instruction would be necessary, and the kaiser would have to be his own chancellor for a time.

Out of the Prussian Premiership.

But while consenting to remain as chancellor, Gen. Caprivi insisted upon the kaiser accepting his resignation of the office of Prussian premier. He pointed out that he would be laughing stock in the landtag, that his influence there was irredeemably damaged, and that he could not for a moment think of retracting his utterances on the subject of the education bill, utterances into which he had been led by his desire to serve the views and carry out the policy of his sovereign. The kaiser was obliged, therefore, in order to keep Caprivi as chancellor to accept his resignation as Prussian premier. This will, in name at least, divorce Caprivi entirely from Prussian affairs, and relieve him from the obligation of appearing in the landtag.

ADMITS HE IS A THIEF.

Postal Clerk Pickering Arrested for Robbing the Mails.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.—Edward L. Pickering, railway postal clerk running between Lebanon and Cookeville, was arrested by Post Office Inspector F. E. Little at Lebanon, Tenn., Saturday, charged with robbing the mails. Decoy letters had been used and on Pickering's person were found \$2,300 and a dozen pieces of jewelry. He confessed his guilt, saying his \$1,200 salary was insufficient for family expenses. He was held on \$1,000 bond. He is only 19 years old.

Fell Into Honest Hands.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Ex-Senator Bowen, stopping at the Palmer house in this city, left his vest, containing \$13,000 in cash and \$50,000 in government bonds in one of the bath-rooms. It was found later on by E. A. Watson, a colored employe of the hotel, who at once turned it over to Clerk Cunningham. Mr. Bowen, greatly agitated, informed the clerk of his loss, and was soon relieved of his anxiety. It is understood that the faithful employe was amply rewarded for his honesty.

He Stopped Eating and Died.

STUART, Ia., March 21.—Daniel Potter, an eccentric and wealthy Iowa farmer of Wameona, 93 years of age, took a notion five weeks ago that he would stop eating, declaring he wanted to starve himself to death, and since then he had not eaten anything. He has just died, his once robust frame being reduced to a skeleton.

Murdered His Uncle.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 21.—At Barbourville Elliott Baker was convicted of the murder of his uncle, William Baker, and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment. The killing grew out of a dispute over land. William Baker was trespassing on his nephew's property when killed.

Rev. Thomas Spruell Dead.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 21.—Rev. Thomas Spruell, D. D., LL. D., died at 10 o'clock, a. m. He was long and favorably known in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian church.

Said to Have Fled to America.

PARIS, March 21.—It is reported that Mellican, Herrard and Gueryard, directors of the Banque des Chemins de Fer et Industrie, which failed Saturday, have fled to America.

Takes for Free Silver.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 21.—A resolution has been adopted in the legislature by a vote of 28 to 9 instructing the congressional delegation from Texas to vote for free silver.

Fatal Snowslide in Colorado.

IVANHOE, Col., March 21.—Mike McCarthy, T. E. Boyle and Dennis Shanahan, laborers employed at the Rushenhook tunnel, were injured by a snowslide Sunday morning. McCarthy is dead, Boyle will die and Shanahan was seriously injured.

Thrown from a Wagon and Killed.

AUGUSTA, Wis., March 21.—James Hume attempted to drive across the railroad track, near this place, in

front of an express train. A pair of horses hitched behind the wagon became frightened and held the wagon on the track until struck by the engine. Hume was thrown out and instantly killed. The horses were also killed.

SIX INSTANTLY KILLED.

Many Others Fatally Injured—A Boiler Explosion Did the Fatal Work.

EAST JORDAN, Mich., March 21.—The boiler of the East Jordan Lumber Company's mill, No. 2, blew up at 7:30 o'clock, a. m., instantly killing the following persons: William Beach, aged 18, unmarried; Simon Carney, aged 28, unmarried; Peter Sheldon, aged 21, unmarried; John Brown, aged 30, unmarried; Bert Cooke, aged 33, married, but had no children; Emanuel Hunt, aged 40, who has a wife and child. Those dangerously injured are: Sanderson Reinhart, badly injured about limbs; John Ringle, seriously injured about the head, he will die; Ansel Christy, very seriously hurt, his recovery very doubtful; James Smith was very seriously and a score of others badly injured. The mill, valued at \$10,000, is a total wreck. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

TWENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD BABY.

A Remarkable Ohio Child's Life Was Spent in the Cradle.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., March 21.—There died Saturday night at Wharton, in the western part of the county, one of the most remarkable of creatures, an "infant" aged 29 years. The child, or young man, was the son of Austin Borden, and during all the years of its life was nothing more than a mere babe. It developed in no respect, and died in its cradle. It could neither talk, walk, nor recognize anyone, and was as helpless when it reached its manhood as the day it was born. Doctors were completely baffled and could do nothing, and for twenty-nine years its death has been patiently waited.

Custom House Burned.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 21.—Fire broke out in the custom house here at midnight Saturday, and all the efforts put forth to save the building proved unavailing. The custom house was a large stone structure, and was supposed to be fireproof. There is nothing left standing but the walls. It was built in 1873, and was insured for \$30,000.

"God Save America."

LIBERTY, March 21.—The following dispatch has been sent to the mayor of Philadelphia by the Russian Relief society: "The Russian Relief society warmly welcomes the dear American brethren who arrived in the Indiana and prays you to transmit to the inhabitants of Philadelphia an expression of the society's lasting gratitude. God save America."

Three Hundred Hogs Killed in a Wreck.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 21.—A west-bound train on the Pennsylvania was wrecked near here Sunday morning, and a few minutes later the wreck was run into by an east-bound freight. Three hundred hogs were killed and about 100 more injured so badly that they will all have to be killed. The greater portion of two carloads of cattle were also killed. The loss will be heavy.

Mill Enjoyed His Trip.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The southern tour of Senator Hill came to a close by the arrival of the party in this city at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Senator Hill expressed great gratification at the hospitable manner in which he was received throughout the south and does not conceal his pleasure over the enthusiasm which his visit caused in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Last Survivor of Trafalgar.

LONDON, March 21.—A dispatch from Hyeres, France, announces the death there of Louis Cartigny, aged 101 years. He was the last French survivor of the memorable naval battle in the bay of Trafalgar, October 21, 1805, in which the British fleet defeated the combined fleets of France and Spain, and the great British hero Admiral Nelson was killed.

Two Lives Lost.

BERLIN, March 21.—A dispatch from Halle, Prussian Saxony, says that the hotel at Drechschen has been destroyed by fire. Two boys were burned to death. A boy of 17 heroically rescued two girls from the hotel at the imminent peril of his life.

Death of Timothy A. Chapman.

MILWAUKEE, March 21.—Timothy A. Chapman, the great Milwaukee merchant, died at his residence in this city at 8:35 o'clock Saturday night of pneumonia. He had been engaged in business here since 1857.

Body Burned.

MANNING, Ia., March 21.—While heating water for baptismal purposes in a church Sunday the gasoline stove exploded. Rev. Mr. Boies threw it out, but he wore celluloid cuffs, which took fire, burning both arms so badly that amputation was necessary.

A Queer Bird.

The elster is a bird that is respected and feared throughout South Germany. It belongs to the raven tribe, and is about the size of a dove, with black and white feathers and long pointed tail. It builds its nest in orchards and its life is sacred. If it is seen three times in succession on the same house-top in a place remote from its home it is believed to be a sure sign of death in that house. If it flies over a house where anyone is ill and gives its peculiar cry the sick person is sure to die, but if it does not scream the patient may recover.



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Dr. J. C. R. Co.

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That all the best things must be culled out. Those who came last know better. We could not afford to set out all the

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Thousands of Dollars Into Their Pockets

This week the show for bargains is grand. Staple dry goods of every description, though not so plentiful as at first, are still equal to the fiercest attacks. More staple every day goods added this week from the Vossen reserve stock, such goods as were snatched up quick during the first few days. Among which will be found Fresh Gingham, Challies, Cottons, Dress Goods, Hese, Flannels, Cloaks and Silks.

Stronger Inducements than Yet Made

Are offered to wind up this stock. We are tired. Crowds, crowds, unceasingly. "Its great cry and little wool" to us, our greatest enjoyment and profit is in seeing our customers happy and knowing that we were entrusted with the important office of distributing this stock among our friends, the people. It means the same as dividing

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